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SUBJECT: WAITING FOR "ROCKY"

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1. DESPITE REFTEL ASSURANCES THAT "ROCKY" WOULD ARRIVE AT POST ON MARCH 12 OR 13, FILM HAS YET TO WEND ITS WAY TO MOSCOW. INQUIRIES AS TO ITS WHEREABOUTS INITIATED THROUGH LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE HAVE BROUGHT A VARIETY OF RESPONSES, ALL OF THEM CONTRADICTORY. POST, HOWEVER, HAS REASON TO HOPE THAT "ROCKY'S" PERIPATETIC PEREGRINATIONS ARE APPROACHING AN END AND THAT FILM WILL BE FORWARDED FROM LONDON TO HELSINKI FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO MOSCOW, VIA TWICE-WEEKLY NON-PRO COURIER.

2. FOR REASONS OBVIOUS TO ALL, WE CANNOT ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR SCREENING UNTIL FILM IS IN HAND. FORCED TO ABANDON OUR INTENTION TO SHOW FILM ON MARCH 23, WE HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TENTATIVELY SET EVENT FOR APRIL 5, LITERALLY THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE.

3. SHIPMENT PROBLEMS WITH "ROCKY" ARE SIMPLY A REPEAT OF THOSE WHICH PLAGUED OUR LAST AMBASSADORIAL FILM, "STAR WARS." IN OUR VIEW DELAYS SUCH AS THESE COULD (AND MUST) BE AVOIDED. PAN AM HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS INABILITY TO

PROVIDE RELIABLE SERVICE, SO IN FUTURE FILMS SHOULD BE PUT
ON DIRECT FINNAIR FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO HELSINKI, WHERE
THEY COULD THEN BE PICKED UP BY AMEMBASSY HELSINKI FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO TWICE-A-WEEK COURIER FROM MOSCOW (AS IS
PRESENTLY DONE WITH APO AND UNCLASSIFIED OFFICIAL MAIL).
TO DO OTHERWISE, AS WE HAVE LEARNED FROM BITTER EXPERIENCE,
IS TO COURT FRUSTRATION, WASTED EFFORT AND FRAYED NERVES.
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